

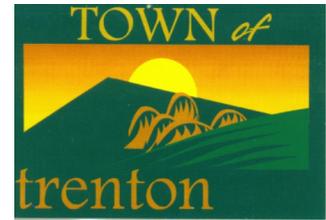
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WHAT'S NEW IN TRENTON?

Exciting things are happening in the county's largest town!

Elected Officials

The town welcomes its newly elected Board of Supervisors:

- ◆ Chairman Mike Lipscomb
- ◆ Supervisor Ed Doerr
- ◆ Supervisor Barb Davies

Town Administrator

In response to the growing needs of residents, the town recently appointed Cindy Komro to the position of Town Administrator. Cindy, who has worked for the town for over 17 years, began her new role in January.

The Town Administrator is responsible for many duties, most notably, those of the Zoning Department. As the Zoning Administrator, Cindy will respond to resident questions; issue zoning permits; manage applications for Certified Survey Maps, Conditional Use Permits and Comprehensive Plan Amendments; and advise the Planning Commission and Town Board on zoning issues.

In addition, the Town Administrator is responsible for managing the town annual budget, serving as personnel officer for town employees, and representing the town in legislative and intergovernmental affairs, among other things.

Town Clerk

The town is excited to welcome Heather Krueger, who was appointed to the Town Clerk position in February. Heather comes well qualified with six years' experience as Clerk of the Town of Port Washington. She is

also a Certified Municipal Clerk, the result of many hours of training and on-the-job experience. Heather had the opportunity to meet many Tren-

Hello. *From Chairman Mike Lipscomb*

A sincere thank you for electing me to serve as your new Chairman for the Town of Trenton. So many of you opened your doors and introduced yourself (even your dogs) to me this past February and March. I truly appreciated that experience in getting to know you all a little better.

I'm settling into my new position with the Office and DPW staff. We have a great group of people here to serve.

Look for additional updates from me in future Town Crier publications about our operations and activities.

I'm so excited to serve this town, its heritage and residents in the coming term.

*Best regards,
Mike Lipscomb
chairman@townoftrenton.wi.gov*

Building Inspector Walt Grotelueschen will be adjusting his hours at the town hall. Beginning June, he will be available on **WEDNESDAYS** from 3:00-5:00 p.m. (his current hours are on Thursdays at the same time).

Curbside Collection Vendor

Harter's Lakeside Disposal began providing curbside collection service to town residents on January 1. The town is grateful for the work by the Refuse and Recycling Contract Committee consisting of former Town Supervisor Jeff Esselmann and town residents. This committee spent countless hours drafting and finalizing the terms in the Request for Proposals, which led to the new contract.

In January, each residence was provided two 95-gallon carts—one for trash and one for recycling. Trash is collected each week and recycling is collected every other week. The cost of

this service is added to the property tax bill. Additional curbside services are available directly from Harter's at an additional charge.

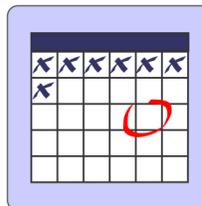
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ton residents during the spring election season.

Town Hall Office Hours

With a full-time Administrator, the town hall office is now open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. These hours are staffed by the Administrator, Clerk and/or Treasurer.

Occasionally, off-site meetings and other conflicts will affect these hours. Residents are encouraged to call ahead to make sure the official they wish to meet with is in the office when they intend to visit.



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WHATS NEW?

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Some residents have expressed interest in smaller (65-gallon) carts. To request an exchange for the smaller carts, please call Harter's directly at 833.754.2158.

A regular concern expressed by residents relates to the difficulty keeping trash and recycling from blowing around on windy days. If you are in an area with high wind, such as Highway 33, Harter's approves use of the SafeWaste Push Clip. This rubber clip, available on Amazon.com for about \$15, is attached to your cart to keep the lid closed until it is tipped into the truck. A sample of this clip is available at the town hall. Another option on windy days is to place the cart "backward." The driver will maneuver the cart to the proper direction for dumping.



Harter's requests that this option ONLY be used on windy days.

The contract with Harter's provides for an annual electronics recycling event, which will be held on Saturday, September 9 from 8:00 a.m.–noon at the town hall.

In response to continued requests from residents for an option to dispose of yard waste, the refuse and recycling contract provides for a dedicated seasonal dumpster at the town hall. Leaves and grass clippings may now be disposed of on regular recycling days

(second Saturday and fourth Thursday). Yard waste and the bags used for disposal MUST be entirely compostable. Large compostable bags specifically for yard waste are available for purchase at such retail establishments as Fleet

Farm, Menards, Home Depot, and Costco.

Resident Portal on Website

A new feature on the town website's bulletin board and Garbage/Recycling pages is a "resident portal" for easy reporting of issues such as:

- ◆ Curbside collection issues, including missed collection and repair or replacement of trash and recycling carts
- ◆ Public works issues, including snow removal, roadway debris, and sign damage

The town is also considering a future option to allow residents to get email and text notifications regarding things like trash and recycling delays, burn bans and other notices.

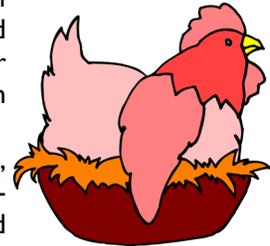
Town Continues Growing

The number of residents in the Town of Trenton continues to hover just under 5,000. However, building in the town has been robust for

the past few years. In 2022, 17 permits were issued for new homes. Trenton is clearly seen as a great place to live!

Backyard Chickens

Due to countless requests over the past several years, the Town Board recently approved amending town ordinances to allow raising small flocks of chickens in R-1 and R-2



Zoning Designations. (Chickens are already allowed in other zoning designations.) Depending on your zoning and lot size, flocks of five to eight hens (no roosters) are allowed. A permit is required and must be renewed annually.

Additional information is available on the town website or by contacting Town Administrator Cindy Komro.

thanks

The Town of Trenton expresses its gratitude to the following individuals for their service:

Joe Gonnering dedicated 34 years of service on the Town Board, first as Supervisor, then as Chairman. We wish him well during his retirement!

Jeff Esselmann served the town for 17 years, first as a Town Plan Commissioner and then as a Town Supervisor.

Barbara Davies has been with the town for 27 years, as Town Clerk, then as Zoning Administrator. We look forward to her continued service in the capacity of Town Supervisor.

Regular Town Board Meetings (beginning in June) MONTHLY on THIRD MONDAY at 7:00 p.m.

ELECTIONS

Elections in an "odd" year in Wisconsin are only held in the spring, which means we are done with elections for 2023. "Even" years have up to four elections, depending on whether a February primary is needed, so get ready for 2024!

Remember to register early when you have a change of name or address. Online registration is quick and easy via MyVote.wi.gov.

As a reminder, Wisconsin State Statute §12.04 requires

election campaign signs to be removed the day after an election. Often the candidate will collect their signs to be re-used or recycled. Otherwise, the resident is responsible for their removal.



TREASURER INFO

Lottery Credit

Earlier this year, misstated or misinterpreted information regarding the state lottery credit was circulated. This caused alarm for residents and frustration for municipal treasurers.

The state Lottery and Gaming credit provides direct property tax relief to qualifying taxpayers on their property tax bills. To qualify, Wisconsin residents must own a dwelling that is used as their primary residence. The credit would be applied on your

2023 tax bill if you used your home as your primary residence on January 1, 2023.

Residents must apply for this credit with the Washington County Treasurer. Once you qualify, you need not reapply each year.

For more information visit revenue.wi.gov and search "Lottery Credit" or contact Treasurer Nicole Cozzuli-Meer.

Dogs, Dogs, Dogs!

It's never too late to get your dog licensed. However, After April 1, it is too late to avoid the \$5 late fee!

Many adorable dogs call the Town of Trenton their



Gwynevere (Leonberger)

home. We recognize the pride owners have, as they often share photos of their furry friends. Treasurer Nicole Cozzuli-Meer invites dog owners to submit their favorite photos to decorate the blank town hall office walls! Submit photos with your dog license application, online through the website resident portal, by email to treasurer@townoftrenton.wi.gov or by text to 262.290.0154. Please include the name and breed of your pup, since that is part of the joy we experience as we get to know them.

PUBLIC WORKS

2023 Road Work

The Newark Dr Rehabilitation Project, rebuilding the road from Trenton Rd to Indian Lore, is scheduled to begin in May and be completed in October. Michels Road & Stone, Inc. was awarded the bid at a cost of \$978,023.25. Sixty-nine percent of the total cost is expected to be recovered by a road grant.



- ♦ Wausaukee Rd (#5828 to Pleasant Hill Dr)
- ♦ School Rd (Lincoln Dr to Paradise Dr)
- ♦ Evergreen Dr (Hwy 1 to end)

Winter Damage

Due to the snowy winter and lack of frost, heavy damage was sustained on many of the road shoulders in the town. The Department of Public Works has completed shoulder restoration work.

Public Works has also repaired the lawns that sustained damage by snowplows during the winter season.

Safety Reminders

Remember to allow DPW workers space when they are working on or near town roads!

2023 Chipsealing

Chipsealing in the town will commence in July or August. After the work is completed, the roads will be swept and cleared within 7-10 days. The following roads are scheduled for chipsealing:

- ♦ Scenic Dr (Hwy 33 to end)

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Spring is in full bloom and Daylight Saving Time turned the clocks ahead. Did everyone remember to replace the batteries in their smoke alarms?



Also, smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors normally have a lifespan of 10 years and should be replaced at that time to avoid false readings.

The Newburg Fire Department is still looking for EMTs. If you would like to help your neighbor out and become an EMT, please call me at 262.388.1314 or visit NewburgFireRescue.com for an application. Newburg Fire Department covers the cost of training.

Our annual fireman's picnic is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Our parade starts at noon on Sunday. I think most people are unaware that the parade costs us quite a bit of money each year. Almost every person and group in the parade is compensated and this adds up to about \$7000. We invite you to bring your families down to enjoy the parade and grab some food and refreshments afterward. Your support is greatly appreciated. We always need help at our food stand and bar. To help with our biggest fundraiser event, please call me at 262.388.1314.

As always, stay safe.

Mark Chesak, Chief
Newburg Fire Department

PARKS

The Town of Trenton is home to several parks for your enjoyment.

- ♦ Town Hall Park and Athletic Fields is located behind the town hall at 1071 Hwy 33, has a shel-

- ♦ ter, playground equipment and athletic fields
- ♦ Stockhausen Park, located on the northwest corner of Beck Ln N, has playground equipment
- ♦ Vivian Stockhausen Park, on the northeast corner of Cecelia Dr and Berna-

- ♦ dine Cir, has a swing and picnic bench
- ♦ Washington County Goeden Park, located on the Milwaukee River on the southwest corner of Hwy 33 and County Hwy M, has access to the river for canoes and kayaks

- ♦ Washington County Sandy Knoll Park is located at 2064 Wallace Lake Rd. This park has reservable shelters, a beach, hiking trails and a dog park, among other amenities. Sandy Knoll is one of the County parks requiring a park pass.

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OFFICE HOURS

**TOWN HALL
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES**

Monday–
Friday 9:00A.M.–4:00P.M.

BUILDING INSPECTOR
(change from Thursday to
Wednesday beginning June 7)

Thursday/
Wednesday 3:00–5:00P.M.

Town Hall Yard Hours: Second Saturday 8:00AM–Noon
& Fourth Thursday (March to October) 4:00–8:00PM
Accepting **only** brush, yard waste, waste oil, batteries, metal goods.
*Other large items, including building materials (but NOT hazardous waste) can be taken to the Waste Management Transfer Station, W124N9355 Boundary Road, Menomonee Falls. The disposal charge is based on the weight of the items and a minimum fee applies. **Hazardous waste** options are listed on the Household Clean Sweep page of the Washington County website or by calling 262.335.4445.*